

BellSouth has filed a petition asking the FCC to stop regulating broadband service. This would mean that the large phone companies would no longer be subject to regulatory review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs. As a result, independent ISPs would have to individually negotiate pricing and the ability to

interconnect, which would undoubtedly raise their prices, and ours in the long term. The more serious threat is that it is possible that the phone companies could, in the long run, refuse to provide the necessary connections for independent DSL service, and they would be unable to sell DSL at all. We are users of an independent ISP, because they give us better service at a more reasonable cost. We are fearful that should Bellsouth's petition be granted, our service will cost considerably more, and as retirees, we can't afford greater costs. Furthermore, past experience and discussion with others, has convinced us that we get better service and support from the independent ISP that we use. Please denigh the petition.

Respectfully,

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